

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

**Status of Claims:**

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 4-7, 10, 13 and 14 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-15 are now pending in this application.

**Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-15 contain allowable subject matter. Based on the amendments made to the presently pending claims, which are not believed to affect the scope of the claims in any way, claims 1-15 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

**Claim Objections and Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph:**

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 7 were objected to because of minor informalities, and claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Based on the amendments made to the presently pending claims, which are not believed to affect the scope of the claims in any way, these objections and indefiniteness rejections are believed to have been overcome.

**Conclusion:**

Since all of the objections and rejections raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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